



## NEWS FROM THE 1st DISTRICT

Dear Friends,

With dangerous wind chills and cold weather impacting our state, please take a moment to remember and thank our first responders and utility workers who are working tirelessly to keep us safe and warm. Our firefighters and police have been bravely responding to dangerous floods, downed wires, and traffic incidents across the state. Please be safe and stay away from downed wires and other hazards!

[Here](#) are some safety tips from first responders to help.

### **Opposing Trump's plan to allow drilling in all US waters**

When I served on the House Natural Resources Committee during the Deepwater Horizon spill, we helped pass new protections to prevent such a tragedy from ever happening again. Now, the Trump Administration is proposing a far-fetched plan to dramatically expand offshore drilling that would set the stage for a Deepwater-scale catastrophe off New Hampshire's beautiful Seacoast. This proposal puts New Hampshire's Seacoast communities and our nation's environment at risk. I will fight alongside the [seven](#) coastal state Governors, both Republican and Democratic, who have already spoken out against this proposal to make sure it is firmly rejected.

### **Securing disaster declaration for NH counties**

On Wednesday, the administration granted a Major Disaster Declaration for the state of New Hampshire. Following the damage and costs incurred by severe rain and flooding in October, the New Hampshire delegation wrote a letter of support for a Major Disaster Declaration. The cost associated with the storm damage is approximately \$6 million statewide.

The disaster declaration will grant assistance to Belknap, Carroll, Coos, Grafton and Sullivan counties. This declaration will provide critical resources to help Granite Staters complete the recovery from October's storm, and I am pleased that FEMA is assisting in this effort. This is why the federal government needs to be properly funded, so it can help states recover from and repair the damage caused by natural disasters and other events.

### **Shutting down Trump's sham voting commission**

President Trump called off his sham voting commission this week because citizens in New Hampshire and across the country pushed back against his dangerous, undemocratic anti-voting agenda. Together we are strong!

### **Congratulating Meera Kurup on winning this year's Congressional App Challenge!**

I was pleased to announce this week that Meera Kurup of Merrimack won the 2017 Congressional App Challenge for the First District. Meera's ALZPoetry app will bring tremendous joy to so many Alzheimer's patients and their families. Congratulations to Meera and to all the New Hampshire students who coded and submitted apps for the Congressional App Challenge.



### **Closing Thoughts**

Tomorrow is the one-year anniversary of the Intelligence Community Assessment on "Russian Activities and Intentions in the Recent US Elections." The report detailed Russia's actions during the 2016 campaign and found that Russia engaged in an active campaign to influence the outcome of the election.

In the last year, we have seen repeated attempts by Trump, the administration, and Republican Members of Congress to curtail the investigation into collusion between his campaign and Russian agents. Just last night we learned that Trump asked White House Counsel McGahn to pressure Attorney General Sessions to reverse his decision to recuse himself from the investigation, a decision which ultimately led Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein to appoint Robert Mueller as Special Counsel.

We have seen repeated attempts by Congressional Republicans to disrupt the investigation. Republican committee leadership has refused to issue subpoenas or call witnesses back for testimony, and has taken direct action to discredit the FBI and Department of Justice. This dangerous precedent threatens the rule of law in our country. No one is above the law, and Republicans in Congress need to allow these investigations to follow the facts and uncover the truth. Instead, they appear to be doing everything in their power to curtail the investigations and undermine the investigators.

I will continue to push for a special commission to investigate Russian actions and coordination with the Trump Campaign during the 2016 election. And I will continue to call on my Republican colleagues to pass the Special Counsel Independence Protection Act, which will allow the Attorney General to fire the Special Counsel only with the approval of a court.

Best Wishes,

Carol Shea-Porter

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Member of Congress



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### **Recent Press Releases**

- [Shea-Porter Opposes Trump Administration Plan to Allow Drilling in All U.S. Waters](#)
- [NH Delegation Applauds Administration's Approval of Their Request for Disaster Declaration for NH Counties](#)
- [Shea-Porter Announces First District Congressional App Challenge Winner](#)

### **ICYMI**

#### **Merrimack Student Wins 1st Congressional District App Challenge**

##### **Londonderry Patch // Tony Schinella**

MERRIMACK, NH — U.S. Rep. Carol Shea-Porter, D-NH, announced that Meera Kurup of Merrimack has won the First District Congressional App Challenge for her [ALZPoetry app](#), which helps Alzheimer's patients listen to poetry recorded by their family members. The Congressional App Challenge aims to engage students in coding and computer science, according to a press statement on Jan. 2, 2017. More than 4,100 students participated in the 14-week regional competitions, and they submitted over 1,270 original student-created apps.

#### **CDC ranks N.H. third highest state for drug overdose deaths**

##### **Conway Daily Sun // Staff**

WASHINGTON D.C. — The state's Congressional delegation has called on Congress to release additional funds to fight the drug crisis in response to the latest data released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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